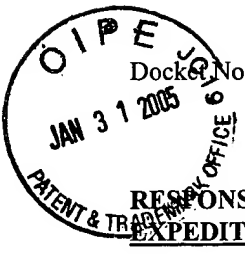


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☒ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502624, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.